

In October, students, faculty, parents and community leaders observed the 150th year of educating children at Sunshine Elementary School. October 24 was designated as Sunshine Elementary School Day in Springfield, which included Civil War reenactors, games, the planting of a commemorative tree, food and other fun activities.

Current and former Sunshine Elementary School students joined together for a sesquicentennial celebration at the school. Sunshine Elementary School principal David Martin encouraged students, families, faculty, and alumni to participate in the sesquicentennial by providing oral histories and historical artifacts, including photographs, report cards, yearbooks, and newspaper articles.

Today, more than 200 students attend Sunshine Elementary School. Student to teacher ratios are 12 to 1, which is the second best among the 36 elementary schools in the Springfield district. In 2014, Sunshine Elementary School academically ranks higher than 65.3 percent of elementary schools in Missouri and 11th among those in the Springfield district. I congratulate Sunshine Elementary School and its many alumni and supporters for its decades of continued service and success. Happy 150th birthday Sunshine Elementary School.●

REMEMBERING DR. CLEMENT ALEXANDER PRICE

● Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, today I recognize the life and legacy of New Jersey and Newark city historian Dr. Clement Alexander Price, who was taken from us too soon on November 5. Clem was a mentor and valued friend to me, and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

The foremost authority on the history of African Americans in New Jersey, Clement Alexander Price was born in 1945 in Washington, DC, to James Price, Sr. and Anna Christine Spann Price. He inherited his love of history from his parents and since then instilled in generations this love for history. After earning his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Bridgeport, Clem came to Newark to teach at Essex Community College. He earned his Ph.D. at Rutgers University, became a professor at Rutgers University-Newark, and founded the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience.

Clem was devoted to Newark, and he served not only as our leading historian but as a powerful spiritual force in our State's largest city. He was invested in Newark, and—ever generous with his time—was known to arrange tours for visitors that highlighted not only the city's rich history but its considerable promise. Clem always recognized the vital truth that charting a brighter course for the future requires a comprehensive understanding of the past. As a fervent believer in Newark's potential, Clem, with his unparalleled

knowledge and thoughtful advice, was invaluable to me and so many others who were elected to serve the city.

Clem's commitment to the city of Newark was surpassed only by his dedication to public service, and he lent his time and expertise to a multitude of causes and organizations. From serving as president of the Newark Education Trust to chairing President Obama's 2008 transition team for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Clem was always seeking opportunities to serve his community and his Nation. He believed in the power of civic engagement, and he dedicated his career to cultivating that engagement through historical literacy and unyielding activism in service of Newark and beyond. Clem was truly one of Newark's great statesmen.

Most of all, Clem was kind. He touched so many lives and helped all who knew him to learn, grow, heal, and come together.

Clem is mourned by his wife Mary Sue Sweeney Price, his sister Jarmila, and his brother James, and by friends and colleagues in the city of Newark, the State of New Jersey, and across the Nation. I ask that the Senate join me in remembering and honoring the extraordinary life of Dr. Clement Alexander Price.●

REMEMBERING GEOFFREY "CRAIG" HUNT

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Geoffrey "Craig" Hunt, a 13-year veteran pilot with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE. Craig was an exceptional firefighting pilot, a loyal friend, and most of all a devoted family man who was tragically killed in the line of duty fighting the Dog Rock Fire near Yosemite National Park on October 7, 2014.

Craig Hunt was born in Richmond, IN, and dedicated his life to serving his country, first as a U.S. Navy P-3 pilot from 1975 to 1984 and then in the Naval Reserve for 20 years after leaving active duty. Craig was also an enthusiastic and accomplished scholar who received a master's degree in business from the University of Southern California. A lifelong interest in science and the natural world led him to also earn a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of California at Santa Cruz. His passion for learning led him to teaching. In the winter months, when the fire season was over, he worked at UC Santa Cruz as a course assistant teaching general chemistry and organic chemistry labs.

Always at home in the cockpit of a plane, Craig loved his job as a pilot with CAL FIRE. For 13 years he valiantly answered the call to protect public safety and the environment by piloting aircraft during emergencies. He had a vast knowledge about wild land fires and was skilled in pinpointing aerial attacks in places that

were difficult for ground crews to reach.

Colleagues remember Craig as an experienced and respected pilot who loved his job. He was happy and outgoing, quick with a smile, and had a fantastic sense of humor. A friend and neighbor recalled that Craig would "drop anything in a heartbeat if you needed help or assistance."

When he was not on duty, Craig was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for golfing, fly fishing, hiking, bird watching, and scuba diving. Standing beside him through it all was his beloved wife Sally, whom he met in college and married in 1975. Craig was also a devoted father to his two daughters, Sarah and Nancy. His daughter Sarah said about him, "My dad died a hero. There was not a day that went by that I didn't talk to my dad. He was my best friend."

Craig Hunt dedicated his life to his family, his community, and his country, and his courageous service will be forever remembered. On behalf of the people of California, whom he served so bravely, I extend my gratitude and deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.●

REMEMBERING EDGAR P. SILVER

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to honor retired Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Edgar P. Silver, who died yesterday at the age of 91. I am deeply saddened by the passing of Edgar Silver. He was a loyal friend, valued mentor, and trusted advisor—and not just to me but also to my father. Judge Silver served with my father on the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, and he also served with my uncle, Maurice Cardin, in the Maryland House of Delegates. Judge Silver was as fine a person as you could ever hope to meet, and he always found the time to listen. Foremost among his many remarkable qualities was his empathy. He had the rare ability to transcend generations and connect with people of any age: when he was a young man, he quickly won the respect of his elders, and as he became older he never lost the ability to speak to and inspire the young.

Judge Silver's parents Samuel and Lena were immigrants. His father was a tailor. Judge Silver was a native of East Baltimore and a neighbor throughout his later life, as well as a fellow alumnus of Baltimore City College. He served our Nation in the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1943 to 1945. He was a 1954 graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School and was elected as a city delegate to the general assembly that same year. He served in the house of delegates until 1965. In 1965, he moved to the judicial branch, where he served on the old Municipal Court of Baltimore City until 1971. He served on the District Court of Baltimore City until 1977, when he was appointed to the Circuit Court by acting Governor